

# Repentance

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## REPENTANCE

Wallahil-'Adheem you are dealing with One more merciful than your mother. In Sahih al-Bukhari and Muslim, the Sahaabah were sitting after a battle and they saw a woman from those who were captured. She was running after every child looking for her son. She would take every child, hug him, nourish him and then pass on and go to the next child. A very moving scene that moved the Sahaabah and the Prophet sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam. The Prophet sallallahu 'alayhi wa sallam decided to make a lesson out of it for the Sahaabah. He asked them, do you think that mother would ever throw her son in Hell? They said no, never. He said Allah is more merciful with His servants than that mother is with her child.

Several days ago I was reading Surat an-Nisaa' and a meaning popped up in my mind that I had never thought of before. In the Qur'an, Allah commands the parents to take care of their children when He talks about inheritance.

يُوصِيكُمُ اللَّهُ فِي أَوْلَادِكُمْ... ﴿النساء: ١١﴾

Allah instructs you concerning your children. (Surat an-Nisaa': 11)

Many people think the most merciful to them is their parent, yet in this verse Allah is telling who you think is most merciful (your mum and your dad) to take care of their children. Allah is telling the ones you think are the most merciful to take care of you. You see that mercy? It was the Du'aa of some of the righteous, O Allah my mother is the most merciful to me and she would never ever let me be in torment and she would take me out of it, O Allah You are more merciful to me than my mother so protect me from the torment Yaa Arham Ar-

Raahimeen (يا الرحيم الرحمين).

With me (a human), you make a mistake or even before you make a mistake, before one shot and two shots or three strikes, I abandon you. But dealing with the Ghafoor, Ar-Raheem and Al-'Afuw, you are dealing with different measures.

...وَلِلَّهِ الْمَثَلُ الْأَعْلَى... ﴿النحل: ٦٠﴾

And for Allah is the highest description. (Surat an-Nahl: 60)

Never despair. In the authentic Hadith in Sahih Muslim on the authority of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri, the man who killed ninety nine people (one of the biggest sins after Shirk). He went to an ignorant worshipper and he asked him can he repent. The worshipper said ninety nine? No way. So he finished them off, and that in itself is actually a lesson. If the doors of repentance were closed, it would cause chaos on this earth because what have you got to

lose? Just go ahead and be full blown evil, you have nothing to lose. Then he asked an 'Aalim (a knowledgeable person). He told him I have killed a hundred people, can I repent? He said nothing can stop you from repenting, get out of this evil land. Allah not only forgave him, but changed the universe for him. On his way to the new town, He shortened the universe for him, in honour for him (when the angels who take the good soul quarreled with the angels who take the evil soul). Allah changed the universe for a killer who killed one hundred innocent souls and repented. Imagine what He will do for me and you.

When you feel despair and you are going to despair in Allah, remember the story everyone knew as a kid, of the People of the Trench (Ashaab al-Ukhlood (أَصْحَابُ الْأُخْدُودِ)). It was a massacre and a genocide, they annihilated people of Laa Ilaaha Illallah. They killed the righteous young boy who stood up to them. Massacre and genocide. What does Allah say?

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ فَتَنُوا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَتُوبُوا فَلَهُمْ عَذَابُ جَهَنَّمَ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابُ الْحَرِيقِ ﴿البروج: ١٠﴾

Verily, those who put into trial the believing men and believing women (by torturing them and burning them), and then do not turn in repentance, (to Allah), will have the torment of Hell, and they will have the punishment of the burning Fire. (Surat al-Burooj: 10)

Those who put the believing men and women into trial and did not turn in repentance. Look at that, and did not turn in repentance. Do you know what it means? Had they repented from their crimes, Allah would have forgiven them because He said:

ثُمَّ لَمْ يَتُوبُوا

And they did not repent.

There is no sin too big and there is no sin too small. Repent and Allah forgives all. Ramadhan is the season for it, start right now. Number one, regret the past. Promise not to do it again and say Astaghfirullah. If it deals with the rights of other people, try to give it back to them directly, if not indirectly. If it will stir up Fitnah then make Du'aa for them, give charity in their name or mention them in good. Simple, you do that sincerely and Wallahi the Ghafoor, Ar-Raheem is going to accept.

وَهُوَ الَّذِي يَقْبَلُ التَّوْبَةَ عَنْ عِبَادِهِ وَيَعْفُو عَنِ السَّيِّئَاتِ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا تَفْعَلُونَ

﴿الشورى: ٢٥﴾

And He it is Who accepts repentance from His slaves, and forgives sins, and He knows what you do. (Surat ash-Shoora: 25)

He promised.

...وَمَنْ أَصْدَقُ مِنَ اللَّهِ قِيلًا ﴿النساء: ١٢٢﴾

And whose words can be truer than those of Allah? (Surat an-Nisaa': 122)

Not only will He accept, He will change them into deeds.

إِلَّا مَنْ تَابَ وَآمَنَ وَعَمِلَ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا فَأُولَئِكَ يُبَدِّلُ اللَّهُ سَيِّئَاتِهِمْ  
حَسَنَاتٍ ۖ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ﴿الفرقان: ٧٠﴾

Except those who repent and believe (in Islamic Monotheism), and do righteous deeds, for those, Allah will change their sins into good deeds, and Allah is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful. (Surat al-Furqaan: 70)

Not only that, He will love you.

...إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ التَّوَّابِينَ... ﴿البقرة: ٢٢٢﴾

Truly, Allah loves those who turn unto Him in repentance. (Surat al-Baqarah: 222)

Get up my brother and sister and shake the dust of sins off your back. Spice up and decorate your Tawbah more by making Wudhu and two Rak'ah. Declare your Tawbah to Him, cry in agony over your sins and start the path to Allah. Repentance is a shadow that should never ever depart you. Repentance is condolence to those who are righteous. Ramadhaan is the prosperous season for all that. Do not get arrogant by any knowledge you have or any deeds that you ever did. No matter how much you have of it, Wallahi we are all in the boat of sinning together. We are all in the same boat.

In Sahih al-Bukhari, look at this beautiful, amazing Hadith. A servant committed a sin and said O Allah forgive my sin. So Allah said My servant committed a sin and he has known that he has a Lord that forgives his sin and punishes for his sin, I forgive him. Then he sinned again. Allah knows us, Allah knows His servants.

أَلَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ خَلَقَ... ﴿الملك: ١٤﴾

Should not He Who has created know? (Surat al-Mulk: 14)

He knows we are going to do it again and again, we are going to sin more and more. He knows who He created and their nature because He created us.

He sinned again and the sinner said O Allah forgive my sin. Allah said My servant has committed a sin, he knows that he has a Lord who forgives his sin and punishes for his sin. Then he said again a third time, O Lord I sinned forgive my sin. Look at that, three times. Allah says My servant has committed a sin and he knows that he has a Lord that forgives his sin and punishes for his sin, do what you wish I have forgiven you. I did not make a mistake here, Allah tells him do what you wish for I have forgiven you. Did you hear that? Not meaning you get a free ticket to Jannah. It means you are forgiven as long as you sincerely repented (as in the earlier part of the Hadith) and you continue to repent.

Wallahi there is so much hope in these Hadith that sometimes we have to warn that there is too much hope here, do not get carried away with hope because that is a danger zone as well. Never ever ever repent while you are planning the next sin. That is fake and that is fraud with Allah.

Make Allah happy. Yes I said it right, make Allah happy. In Sahih al-Bukhari, Allah is happier with one who repents more than a man whose on a journey in a desert, he loses his food, water, transportation and camel so he sits there by the tree and awaits death. Suddenly he looks up and the camel is before his eyes with his water, food and everything he needed. From awaiting death to sudden relief. Out of excitement he says O Allah you are my slave and I am your Lord. Allah gives a scenario of how happy one is when life comes back to him and Allah is happier than that when one repents. Make Allah happy my brother and my sister by not sleeping until you spill your heart out to Allah. Not just today but every day, today will be the start. Do it today so if you die you will meet Allah on a clean state.

Does one not have shame that Allah descends to the heaven closest to the earth every single night in the one third end of the night (in a manner that best suits Allah, we do not know how).

...لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ ۖ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ ﴿الشُّورَى: ١١﴾

There is nothing like unto Him, and He is the All Hearer, the All Seer. (Surat ash-Shoora: 11)

He descends and asks at a time when nearly everyone is between sins and sleep. They are either watching that which Allah prohibited, drinking in places that Allah prohibited or they are in deep sleep. That is the majority of the world. Be among the few of the few who are crying, begging and pleading to Allah.

In conclusion, I said a few days ago that anyone who does a deed will see its affect in this life and in the Aakhirah. You get the bonus (this life), but the main goal is the Aakhirah.

From the verse:

مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْثَىٰ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحْيِيَنَّهٗ حَيَاةً طَيِّبَةً ۖ  
وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ ﴿النحل: ٩٧﴾

Whoever works righteousness, whether male or female, while he (or she) is a true believer (of Islamic Monotheism) verily, to him We will give a good life (in this world with respect, contentment and lawful provision), and We shall pay them certainly a reward in proportion to the best of what they used to do (i.e. Paradise in the Hereafter). (Surat an-Nahl: 97)

The opposite is true today. Pertaining to our talk today, Ibn Abi Mulaykah said when Asmaa' radhiallahu 'anha used to have a headache, she would grab her head and say this is from a sin that I have committed and Allah forgave a lot.

The Qur'an is clear and decisive on it.

وَمَا أَصَابَكُمْ مِّنْ مُّصِيبَةٍ فَبِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِيكُمْ وَيَعْفُو عَنْ كَثِيرٍ ﴿الشورى: ٣٠﴾

And whatever of misfortune befalls you, it is because of what your hands have earned. And He pardons much. (Surat ash-Shoora: 30)